

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) A leakproof package in the form of a rectangular parallelepiped of polypropylene suitable for rapid opening by tearing and for containing a semisolid product that is capable of being put in a semiliquid state, in particular cheese, the package being made up of two thin sheets, namely a first sheet cut out to an appropriate outline and shaped into a rectangular shell for receiving the product, and so as to present a pull corner for opening the package, and a second sheet cut to at least the dimensions of the bottom of the shell and for placing flat on the product with the side faces of the shell being folded down thereon, and heat-sealed, while leaving the pull corner free, and two tear strips disposed on and secured to the first sheet, so as to be entrained when the pull corner is pulled,

wherein the pull corner is formed by a triangular projection formed on one of the sides of the first sheet cut out into an octagonal shape, and wherein the tear strips form a

pointed U-shape with the tip thereof being situated in said triangular projection.

8. (previously presented) A package according to claim 7, wherein the side of the first sheet provided with the pull corner presents two tear starters.

9. (previously presented) A package according to claim 8, wherein the tear starters are constituted by cuts situated to extend the sides of the pull corner.

10. (previously presented) A package according to claim 7, wherein the tear strips are situated inside the shell and extend along two sides of the bottom of said shell.

11. (previously presented) A package according to claim 7, wherein the side faces of the shell situated on either side of the tear strips are folded down onto the folded-down portions of the other two side faces.

12. (previously presented) A package according to claim 7, wherein the side faces extending transversely relative to the tear strips of the shell are folded down onto the folded-down portions of the other two faces.

13. (new) A leakproof rectangular parallelepiped package comprising:

a first sheet of polypropylene in the shape of a rectangular shell having a bottom and four side walls for receiving a product;

a pull corner formed by a triangular projection positioned on one of said side walls of said first sheet, said pull corner being adapted for opening the package;

a second sheet of polypropylene having at least the dimensions of the bottom of the rectangular shell, said second sheet adapted to form a flat cover over said product;

said four side walls being configured so that portions of said walls situated above the second sheet are folded down onto said second sheet and heat-sealed to form said leakproof rectangular parallelepiped package, while leaving the pull corner free; and

two tear strips disposed on and secured to said first sheet and configured to form a pointed U-shape with a tip portion positioned in said triangular projection so that when the pull corner is grasped by a user, the two tear strips are also grasped by said user so as to be entrained when the pull corner is pulled to enable rapid opening of said package without encountering resistance of a fold,

wherein said package is adapted to contain a semisolid product capable of being put in a semiliquid state.

14. (new) The leakproof rectangular parallelepiped package of claim 13, wherein said side wall provided with said pull corner comprises two tear starters.

15. (new) The leakproof rectangular parallelepiped package of claim 14, wherein each tear starter comprises cuts situated to extend sides of the pull corner.

16. (new) The leakproof rectangular parallelepiped package of claim 13, wherein the tear strips are positioned inside said rectangular shell and extend along two sides of the bottom of said rectangular shell.

17. (new) The leakproof rectangular parallelepiped package of claim 13, wherein the portions of the side walls of the rectangular shell positioned on either side of the tear strips are folded down onto the folded-down portions of the other two side walls.

18. (new) The leakproof rectangular parallelepiped package of claim 13, wherein the portions of the side walls extending transversely relative to the tear strips of the rectangular shell are folded down onto the folded-down portions of the other two side walls.

19. (new) The leakproof rectangular parallelepiped package of claim 13, wherein said semisolid product is cheese.